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REMARKS

This in reply to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2007 ("Office Action").

Claims 14-24 are currently pending.

Claims 14, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,880,566 ("Baehr").

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,880,566 ("Baehr") in view of U.S. Patent 4,614,646 ("Christiansen").

Claims 20-24 are allowed.

Claims 15 and 19 are objected to as being based on a rejected base claim.

Claim 14 is canceled without prejudice to reduce the matters at issue.

Claim 15 is amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 16-18 are amended to maintain proper claim dependency.

No new matter is added.

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DISCUSSION

The Rejection of Claims 14, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,880,566

Claims 14, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,880,566 ("Baehr").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has cancelled claim 14 rendering the rejection of this claim moot.

Applicant has rewritten claim 15 in independent form and amended claims 16 and 18 to depend from claim 15 rather than claim 14.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner has indicated that claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Applicant further respectfully asserts that claims 16 and 18 have been amended to depend from an allowed base claim and are therefore allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baehr.

The Rejection of Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,880,566 in view of U.S. Patent 4,614,646

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,880,566 ("Baehr") in view of U.S. Patent 4,614,646 ("Christiansen").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 15, now drafted in independent form, is allowable. Applicant further respectfully asserts that claim 17 depends from allowable claim 15 and is likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baehr in view of Christiansen.

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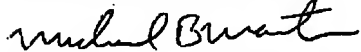
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under §§ 102(b) and 103(a) and asserts that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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